

Remarks.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the AAPA in view of Mueller et al and Kaufman et al. The Examiner has also objected to claim 8 as being based upon a rejected base claim, but has indicated that claim 8 would be allowable if in independent form. Accordingly, the Applicant has amended claim 8 to make it independent. Claim 8 as amended is, therefore, allowable.

The Applicant therefore requests a notice of allowance on this case. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. HSJ920030250US1).

Respectfully submitted,

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